

## The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRU'Y 16.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE REV. DR. ELIAS HARRISON took place, yesterday, and was accompanied with every mark of respect which the community could bestow upon the memory of that good man and excellent citizen. The body was brought to the First Presbyterian church, where appropriate services took place, and where an able funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Bittinger, of Georgetown, followed by some eloquent remarks by Rev. Mr. Bitting, of this place. The building was crowded by our most respectable citizens, and hundreds unable to gain admittance, thronged the adjoining side walks, and waited until the services in the church were concluded. There were, properly, but few of the outward "signs and habiliments of woe"—the pulpit in which the deceased had so long officiated, being simply draped with black crape—but there was that in the countenances and demeanor of that large crowd, during the exercises, which "far surpassed all show," and which told how deeply the loss was deplored, and how affectionate and sincere were the feelings of the assembled people, for their former friend and fellow citizen. Hundreds went up to take a farewell look at the placid countenance of the deceased, as he lay in his coffin, and then went, sorrowing, away. As the hearse bore the remains to the grave, it was followed by long lines of citizens, who mourned, as if each one had been personally bereaved by the dispensation of Providence. They laid the good man down to his "last, long rest," in the quiet grave yard, whither he had so long accompanied the remains of many of his former flock, and there he sleeps peacefully, close to the wife of his early love, until the mortal shall put on immortality, at the summons which shall awaken all on the great day of resurrection. As they arranged his grave, the sun shone out from the dark clouds, which had before obscured the heavens, and cast a flood of light and glory over the scene, which seemed as if it was a fit emblem of that brightness which is to follow the close of a long life spent in the practice of the Christian virtues.

The Solicitor of the U. S. Treasury Department has made a report upon the Custom House frauds lately detected in New York, in which he says, that it is now proved "that that money, in large sums, was received by officials as the undisguised reward of fraudulent acts or connivance. But, in addition to this, the statements seem to justify the belief that nearly the entire body of subordinate officers in and about the custom house are, in one way or another, in the habitual receipt of emoluments from importers or their agents."

Dr. W. Leon Hammond, surgeon in the U. S. Army, stationed here, has been presented by his patients and the attendants in the hospital at the Friend's Meeting House, with a beautiful gold watch and chain, in token of their respect for him. This is the third occasion in which the sick and wounded soldiers here have joined in a compliment to Dr. H.—He responded to the gift of the soldiers in a brief but well expressed letter of thanks.

Wm. A. Stewart, a citizen of Fauquier Co., was arrested by the detectives, a few days ago, about seven miles from Alexandria, having in his possession a large amount of playing cards, and, it is said, a number of letters to persons in the Southern States. Stewart had a pass and permit to carry some goods across the line, and, it is said, had procured the good will of some Union citizens of Alexandria, he professing to be "a Union man, and a loyal man." He is known to many in this community. He was carried to Washington, but, it is said, expects soon to be released.

An act has passed the City Councils of this place, fixing the salary of the Mayor at \$800; Auditor, \$600; Attorney of the Corporation \$50; Superintendent of Gas Works, \$800; Superintendent of Police, \$600; Clerk of the Market, \$400; Engineer of the Fire Department \$100; Assessors, \$150 each; Gauger of liquors, 70 per ct. of his gross receipts; Collectors of Taxes 2½ per ct. on their collections.

We see and hear of no preparations, this year, in this section, for a public celebration of the anniversary of Washington's Birth.—It is a day, which is considered a National holiday, by men of all parties, in all quarters, North and South, and no chances nor changes, or altered condition of political situations or relations, will prevent its being remembered now and always.

In the U. S. House of Representatives on Saturday, Mr. Dawes called up the case of Lewis McKenzie, claiming to be elected a member of Congress from Virginia, and in which an adverse report had been made; but, as Mr. McKenzie was not present, the consideration of the subject was postponed until to-day.

The death of Rev. Dr. Harrison was feelingly alluded to by the ministers of several of the congregations in this place, in their sermons yesterday.

Mr. John Eveleth, one of our old citizens, died to-day. He was, at the time of his death, one of the Custom House inspectors in this place.

Captain Semmes has had a reception at the Commercial Exchange, Kingston Jam. from the merchants of the city, and was lustily cheered.

Large quantities of wood for army purposes have been cut down on the Ravenswood estate, in Fairfax county.

Wm. Bright, butcher, had his money box, containing between forty and fifty dollars, stolen in the market house on Saturday morning.

It is said that the price of real estate in Washington, continues to increase.

Charles Dickens has been giving readings from his own works at the British Embassy, in Paris, for the benefit of the British Charitable Fund and at the high rate of twenty francs (\$4) per ticket. The great humorists created quite a decided impression upon the versatile conductors of the Paris papers.

The diminutive bridal party which caused such a flurry among the Gothamites was publicly received by the President and Mrs. Lincoln at the White House. Among the guests present were Secretaries Chase and Welles, Major Generals Butler and Cassius M. Clay, and Messrs. Crittenden and Wilson, and many prominent diplomats.

A CHURCH DIFFICULTY.—About a year ago a number of persons connected with the various Methodist Episcopal churches in Baltimore under the jurisdiction of the Baltimore and East Baltimore Conferences, withdrew from the respective congregations to which they were attached, in consequence of the acquiescence of the two Conferences in the action of the General Conference of the Church, held at Buffalo, New York, in 1860, which body incorporated in to the Discipline a "new chapter." A few ministers, in pursuance of the action of the "Baltimore Conference," at its annual session at Staunton, Va., in 1861, declined to act with the body which assembled, under that name, in the Light Street church in the spring of 1862. These people and ministers immediately afterwards organized themselves into three separate congregations. One of the congregations thus formed secured the New Assembly Rooms, on Hanover street near Lombard, Baltimore and has regularly worshipped there up to last Sunday; but it is now announced that no further services will be held there. The cause of the change is explained by the following order, which was issued by Major General Schenck.

"I understand that considerable disgust is excited in the view of a class of persons who assemble at your Rooms in consequence of the American flag being displayed there. You will hereafter cause constantly to be displayed, in a conspicuous position, at the head of the hall, a large-sized American flag until further orders.

"By order of Major General Schenck:

WM. S. FISH,  
Military Provost Marshal.

Upon the congregation assembling on Sunday morning last for worship, two large U. S. flags were found suspended at the head of the hall, having been placed there on a previous evening. Being a rather unusual decoration for a house of worship, it attracted some attention, and some persons, refused to remain in attendance upon the services. The members of the congregation have concluded to vacate the New Assembly Rooms and to obtain a place of worship elsewhere.

The Baltimore Sun of to-day says:—"During Saturday night some unauthorized persons placed an American flag over the entrance door of the building situated on Biddle street, near Ross, known as the Northwestern Young Men's Christian Association Hall, but called by many the Strawbridge (M. E.) Church, owing to the fact that a large portion of that congregation worshipped there. The end of the flag was placed under the sill of the second story window, and the window was then nailed down from the outside.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning the Rev. John H. Dashiell, Methodist Episcopal minister, repaired to the church, as usual, to assist at the Sunday school exercises. He is the lessee of the building, and during the week occupies the room for a school. As the proprietor of the building he removed the flag, being compelled to break the window pane to do so, as the window could not be raised from the inside. A report of the affair was made to Major General Schenck by Lieut. J. E. Galt of the 2d Maryland infantry, and yesterday afternoon Major Fish, military provost marshal, was instructed to arrest the Rev. Mr. Dashiell, Lieut. Wm. E. Morris, commander of the Provost Guard, was instructed by Major Fish to proceed to arrest him. He found Mr. Dashiell just about entering a dwelling in the northwestern section of the city and at once placed him under arrest.

When it became known to Lieut. Morris that his prisoner was on an errand of duty, (visiting the sick,) he allowed him to enter the house and perform his mission. In a short time Mr. Dashiell returned, and was then escorted to the Police station, and there placed in close confinement, no one being allowed to visit or hold communication with him. It is understood he will be kept there (according to order of Major General Schenck) until this morning, when his case will be disposed of by General Schenck.

While the congregation of the Chatsworth